

Minutes of the Council on Aging Meeting

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Egremont Town Hall

*Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m. Present: Bruce Bernstein, Chairman, Georgette Kinney, Helen Krancer, Chet Delaney, Dianne Salamon, Carolyn Palmucci, Eve Goldberg, and Peg Muskrat, Adm Asst.

*Amy Taylor, South County rep for Berkshire United Way, made a presentation about the many ways they are serving the needs of families in South County. Bruce let her know that the Egremont COA would like to support their endeavors. Amy explained the various ways in which the board could be helpful.

*The Battle of the Basses was a very successful event. Funds raised covered the costs of the event.

*Although Police Chief Josephson's introduction to the Seniors cut into Eunice's drawing class time, the April luncheon was very well received.

*May 2nd Luncheon is cooking with Bob Climo.

*Peg presented a chart on Egremont's use of S.B.E.T.C. Transportation remains a major issue in the area. Concerns regarding S.B.E.T.C. is whether or not the appropriate share is being paid by each participating town and this needs to be kept in mind at the annual budget meeting.

*Jane Apkin would like to bring a colleague with her when she gives a dementia workshop. A suggestion was made to fit it into the fall calendar. Peg will contact Polly Mann at GB Senior Center to see about co-hosting this event with us.

*At the next COA Board Meeting time will be set aside to finalize the 2018-2019 event calendar.

*Elaine Ireland's Balance Classes will continue next year.

*Police Chief Josephson wants to get the "Good Morning, Senior" Program off the ground. It will most likely require volunteers. Peg will continue to work on this.

*Bruce reviewed several meetings he attended last week that addressed programs to support "Aging in Place".

*Chet is looking into resources for seniors to make their homes age friendly.

*Carolyn suggested that a "to do" list be compiled of all the items that should be addressed in order to make a senior's home "senior friendly".

*Peg's updates were included in the notes.

*Liz Jaffe will continue the iPad/iPhone summer classes. Bruce will confirm class days and times as well as the fee.

*Peg presented a flyer from Otis COA of bus trips that they sponsor. Information will be included in next Egremont Newsletter.

Next meeting is May 16 @ 11:00. Meeting adjourned at 12:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Eve Goldberg